[English]

Hindustan Shipyard Limited

1860. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. to sell two ships manufactured by them at a prevailing market prices;

(b0 if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to utilise the spare capacity of the shipyard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). The Yard is passing through a very severe financial crists and the accumulated losses upto 31.3. 91 are Rs. 351. 55 crores. The Company is continuing to incur heavy losses. There are 3 ships under construction in H.S.L. A proposal to allow HSL to sell them at prevailing market prices is being considered in order to enable the Shipyard to meet the immediate cash flow problem.

(c) and (d). A number of steps are under consideration of the Govt. for revival of the shipyard. Apart from the proposal for sale of the 3 ships ordered by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited in the open market, certain other Steps like capital re-structuring, exemption from Central levies etc. are also under consideration.

The Hindustan Shipyard Limited has the following orders on hand:

1. No. 27, 000 DWT Carrier
2. Nos. 42, 750 DWT Bulk Carriers
2 Nos. Offshore Patrol Vessels
7 Nos. Top side Decks

the above proposed relief measures, it is hoped would enable the Yard to complete the above orders.

Revision of labour Laws to boost Garment Exports

1861. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to revise the labour laws to boost garment exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Garment exportrs have informally represented that there must be separate laws in respect of workers employed in exporting units keeping in view the special problems faced by exporters. However, no concrete proposal has been formulated in this regard.

Amendment to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

1862. SHRI JEEWAN SHARJMA:
SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

(b) if so, the details of the amendments proposed to be made; and

(c) by what time the amendments are likely to be introduced?